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Remarks/Arguments

The drawings have been objected to by the Examiner. These objections have been corrected. A new drawing changing "10" to "40" in Fig. 1 is herewith submitted. Elements 80 and 126 are now referred to in the specification.

The Examiner's approval is respectfully requested.

Please amend the specification at pages 5, 11, and 13.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Claims 1-10 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Mayor, while claims 11-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Mayor. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The instant invention is directed to a security device or system for use primarily with storage containers, although other areas can clearly be monitored. The system includes a sensing unit comprising a housing which is adapted to be retro-fitted to a container and which carried a sensing unit, an external status indicator and an internal power source. The system further includes a remote access device capable of activating, deactivating and receiving signals from sensing unit.

The reference Mayor is directed to an alarm system for vehicles. The system includes a trailer component and a tractor component. The system does not include a housing carried through an external wall of either the trailer or tractor component which houses a sensor, and an external status indicator. Rather, Mayor discloses a plurality of components arranged in different locations. A first component is identified as a housing 128 which is described as being placed on a trailer. Housing encloses only the

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alarm module 110, battery 112, key pad 120, transmitter 114, reefer fault interface 144 and anti-tamper switch 119. The housing is connected by wires to sensors 116, sensors 122 and strobe light 126, all arranged in spaced positions externally of housing 128. Housing 128 is merely "a control panel." (See column 4, lines 38, 39.)

Claims 1-22 clearly define over the reference Mayor under 35 USC 102(e) or 103(a) for the following reasons.

Considering first claim 1, the claim calls for "a sensing unit including a housing" with "a first end disposed within said container and said second end disposed outside said container." Mayor does not disclose such a housing so disposed.

The claim calls for the sensing unit to include a sensor carried within a first end of the housing and an external status indicator carried within a second end of the housing. The reference does not disclose this structure.

The claim calls for an external status indicator carried within the housing. The reference fails to disclose this structure.

For the above set forth reasons, claim 1 is believed to clearly define over the rejection as set forth.

Claims 2-10 all depend from claim 1 and define over the reference Mayor for the states reasons.

Independent claim 11 defines over the reference Mayor for the following reasons.

The claim calls for a sensing unit including "a housing for mounting through an exterior side of said container." The claim further calls for a sensor within the housing positioned inside the container and an external status indicator within the housing

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located on an exterior of said container side.

The reference Mayor fails to disclose a sensing unit with a housing containing a sensor and a status indicator located as claimed.

For these reasons, claim 11 is believed to clearly define over the reference Mayor. Claims 12-16 depend from claim 11 and are believed allowable for the stated reasons.

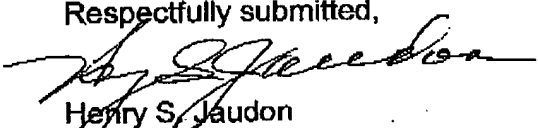
Claim 17 is directed to a method and includes the steps of providing a housing with an interior and exterior monitor and positioning the housing to extend through an exterior surface of a container, locating the exterior monitor outside the container and the interior monitor within the container.

Mayor discloses no such method steps.

Claim 17, along with dependent claims 18-22, is believed to clearly define over the reference of the rejection for the stated reasons.

An earnest effort has been made to overcome the rejections as set forth, and to place the application in condition for allowance. It is requested that upon reconsideration, the Examiner withdraw the rejection and find the claims to be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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